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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you most sincerely for your memorandum of October 9, 1974, outlining my responsibilities with respect to the U. S. foreign intelligence community. Your words of support of the intelligence function are an encouragement and stimulus to all of us in that field. Your words affirming the responsibilities of my office to exercise leadership are a strong personal and institutional endorsement. Their effect will be to reinforce the determination of all of us and of me personally to produce intelligence of the highest quality attainable. We have some accomplishments in the past of which we are modestly but in our view justifiably proud; more importantly, we recognize the truth of your charge that "much remains to be done." We will set about the task with renewed enthusiasm in view of your memorandum.

Respectfully,



W. E. Colby

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Leadership and Management of the
U.S. Foreign Intelligence Community

I hereby affirm the responsibilities and authority charged to you as leader of the Intelligence Community in the Presidential memorandum of November 5, 1971. Much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done.

Intelligence is of vital importance to our national security and interests. In your role as the Director of Central Intelligence, you should insure that our intelligence is of the highest quality attainable and that it supports the planning for and conduct of U.S. foreign policies and military operations. You should continue to exercise leadership in maintaining a proper balance among intelligence activities by planning and reviewing all intelligence programs and resources. Your views on intelligence activities, including tactical intelligence, should be incorporated in an annual consolidated program budget which considers the comparative effectiveness of collection programs and relative priorities among intelligence targets. Should you feel that new technology or new substantive needs make alterations in management or organization desirable, your recommendations will receive my prompt and careful attention.

I shall expect that the heads of the departments and agencies having foreign intelligence responsibilities will cooperate with you and provide you with every assistance in fulfilling your responsibilities.

